

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sarah DESMOTS et al.

Serial No. : 09/381,890

Filed : September 24, 1999

Title : DEPILATORY COMPOSITIONS, THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

DECLARATION RE INVENTOR SARAH DESMOTS

I, Amanda J. Wilde, declare as follows:

1. I am the formalities and records manager in the Group Patents Department of Reckitt Benckiser plc and, among my responsibilities, is the task of ensuring that documents relating to patent applications are properly signed by the inventors, when necessary.
2. The Group Patents Department of Reckitt Benckiser plc handles virtually all of the formalities involved in obtaining patent protection for the inventions owned by the Reckitt Benckiser group companies including, specifically, the assignee of the above-noted application, Reckitt & Colman France (now, by change of name, Reckitt Benckiser France).
3. Previous attempts to obtain a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from Sarah Desmots were unsuccessful. These attempts were documented as Exhibits A and B attached to my declaration of 28 February 2001 which was filed herein on 19 March 2001.
4. On 3 October 2001, I again wrote to Ms. Desmots and asked her to sign another Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney for this application. Attached, as Exhibit L-1, are copies of my letter of 3 October, of the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney, and of a UPS waybill showing that these documents were sent to Ms. Desmots on 3 October 2001. I used, as the address, the last known address

obtained from the Human Resources Department of Reckitt Benckiser France.

5. The materials sent to inventor Desmots were returned as undeliverable. Attached, as Exhibit L-2, is a copy of the waybill of Exhibit L-1 with a sticker covering a portion of the right side. The sticker is a Return to Shipper Notice showing that the package was returned on 12 October 2001 marked "moved.". UPS obliterated the address of the intended recipient, but it can be discerned on the original.
6. Attached, as Exhibit L-3, is a copy of the contents of the UPS package which was returned.
7. At the time the invention was made, Sarah Desmots was employed by Reckitt & Colman France but she is no longer with the company. The Human Resources Department of Reckitt Benckiser France does not have updated contact details for Ms. Desmots and, at this point, there is no practical way for us to track her down.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patents issuing thereon.

Signed at Kingston upon Hull, England, this 4 day of ^{February} ~~December~~, 2002


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Our ref: 10456P2 USw/AJW/JCM.krg

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Date: 3 October 2001

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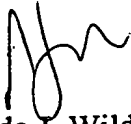
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As a below named inventor, I Sarah DESMOTS hereby declare that:

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was filed on September 24, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/381,890 and,
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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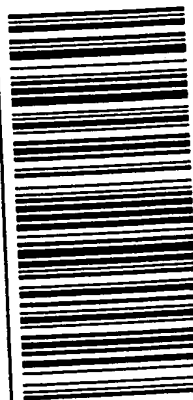
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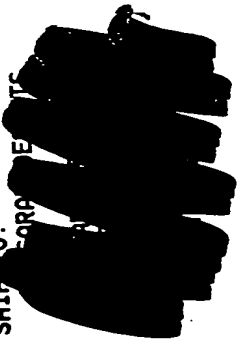
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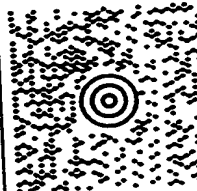
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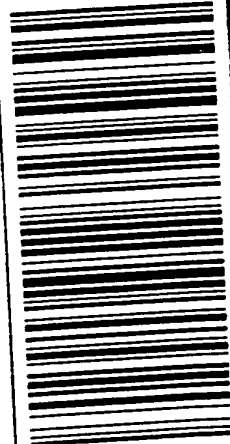


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3 Zustellversuche durchgeführt, kein Empfänger.
3 tentativas de livraison faites. Pas de destinataire.
Sono stati effettuati 3 tentativi di consegna. Destinataria non trovato.
Realizados 3 intentos de entrega. Destinataria desconocido.
Feitas 3 tentativas de entrega. Destinataria não presente.

C.O.D. Amount not paid.
Nachnahmebetrag nicht gezahlt.
Montant du contre-remboursement non payé.
Importo cod non pagato.
Importe del contra reembolso no pagado.
Montante cod não pago.

Address not found.
Unzustellbar wie adressiert.
Adresse non trouvée.
Indirizzo non trovato.
Dirección desconocida.
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Consignee refused shipment.
Empfänger verweigert die Sendung.
Le destinataire a refusé l'envoi.

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